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Application No.: 09/746,960

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For: ELECTRICAL CONTACT STRUCTURES
FORMED BY CONFIGURING A
FLEXIBLE WIRE TO HAVE A
SPRINGABLE SHAPE AND
OVERCOATING THE WIRE WITH AT
LEAST ONE LAYER OF A RESILIENT
CONDUCTIVE MATERIAL, METHODS
OF MOUNTING THE CONTACT
STRUCTURES TO ELECTRONIC
COMPONENTS, AND APPLICATIONS
FOR EMPLOYING THE CONTACT
STRUCTURES

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT/ELECTION

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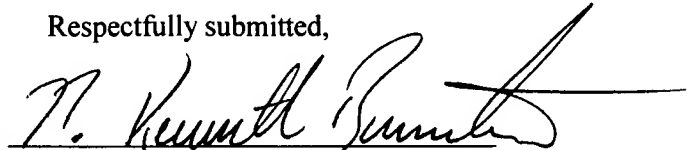
In response to the restriction requirement dated April 10, 2002, Applicants elect the species corresponding to contact configuration "e" (i.e., Figure 2E) and mounting configuration "9" (i.e., Figure 5F). Applicants understand "contact configuration" to refer to the shape of the contact and "mounting configuration" to refer to the manner in which the contact is mounted to a substrate or other entity. In this particular application, none of the pending claims that recite a contact structure limit the contact structure to any particular shape

or manner of mounting. Thus, all pending claims read on the elected species and are generic to many—if not all—of the other species identified in the restriction requirement.

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